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SUBJECT: BERBERA COVERAGE JUNKET

REF: NAIROBI 5495

1. AMERICAN TV NETWORK CORRESPONDENTS BACK FROM SOMALIA TRIP PROVIDED MORE DETAILS ON BERBERA VISIT. ABC'S BILL BRANNIGAN SAID NAIROBI NEWSPAPER STORIES (SEE REF.) WERE ACCURATE ACCOUNTS OF VISIT, WHICH HE SAID CAME DOWN TO NEWSMEN ATTEMPTING TO SEE WHAT DOD CALLS "MISSILE HANDLING AND STORAGE FACILITY." LATTER AREA DESCRIBED BY SOMALIS AS "NAVAL ORDNANCE FACILITY," AND CALLED "RESTRICTED AREA."

2. BRANNIGAN, ARMED WITH DOD PICTURES, SAID PHOTOS MATCHED PERFECTLY NEWSMEN'S VIEW OF BERBERA WHEN COMING IN BY HELICOPTER. SOMALI OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING GROUP SEEMED A BIT "OVER THEIR HEADS," ACCORDING TO BRANNIGAN, ONE INDICATING HE HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY BRIEFED ABOUT WHAT  
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HE WAS SHOWING.

3. REPORTER FROM THE STANDARD, MITCH ODERO, HIGHLY SKEPTICAL OF TOUR. HE REPORTED THAT NEWSMENS' ORIGINAL STORIES (DUE TO GO OUT FRIDAY NIGHT 27 JUNE) WERE STOPPED BY SOMALI AUTHORITIES, WHO DEMANDED THEY BE REWRITTEN. SECOND VERSIONS HAD TO PASS THROUGH BLUE PENCIL OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INFORMATION. NOW BACK IN KENYA, ODERO PLANS TO DO MUCH MORE THOROUGH REPORT ON VISIT.

4. BRANNIGAN SAID HE SAW WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE A FEW RUSSIANS (ONE IN UNIFORM) WHILE IN BERBERA. ODERO SAID HE SAW NONE.  
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